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コウちゃんとの、
もはや近づきようのない
「距離」に打ちのめされてしまった夏芽。
冷えて、あきらめて、くやしくない、想いの一方で、
大友の「存在」が、確かな力で、
心に波を起こしていき…。
気高くあやうい十代がゆれて、ゆさぶられる――。
待望の第8巻!!

7巻から少し時間がたってしまいましたが
みなさま、いかがおすごしでしょうか?
わたしは子を産みました。
とてもショウロンポウに似ています。
よろしくおねがいいたします。

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THE STORY SO FAR

"WE HAVEN'T CHANGED; WE'RE STILL THE SAME AS BEFORE." CONTRARY TO NATSUME'S OVERWHELMING THOUGHTS, KOU APPEARS INDIFFERENT TO IT ALL. OVERCOME BY A SENSE OF LOSS, THE ONLY THING THAT CAN MOVE NATSUME'S HEART IS OOTOMO'S PRESENCE...

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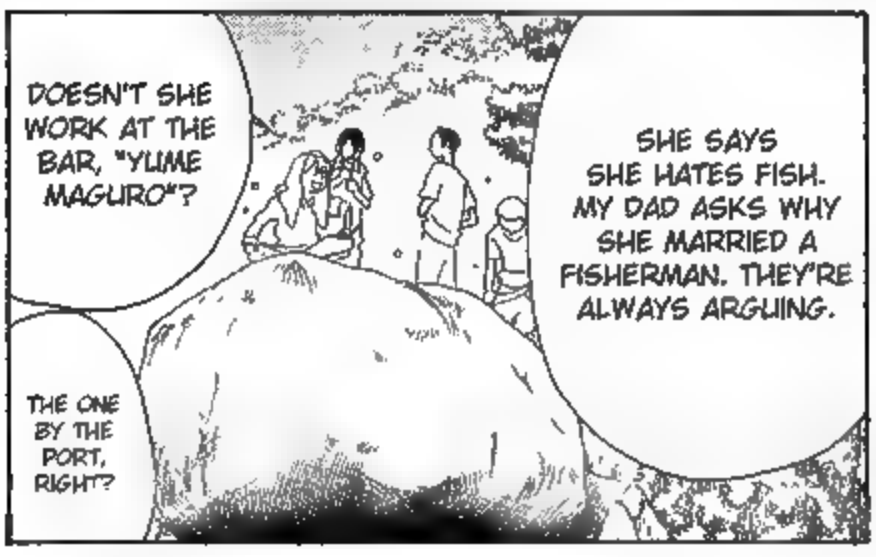
OBORERU KNIFE

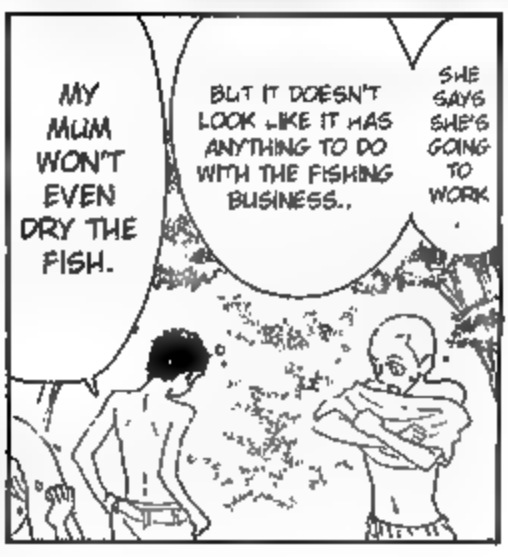
CHAPTER 29

TIME OF THE CAMELLIA

WOOHOO!
SPLASH
SPLASH
EEK—
THE WATER'S STILL REALLY COLD!
WE'RE GOING TO GET RUNNY NOSES.
AGAIN—
I WANT TO JUMP FROM THAT BRIDGE.
EH?

NO, WE WON'T!
NO WAY, WE'LL DIE!
WHOOSH
KATSUTOSHI—
WHOOSH
IT'S YOU AND GRANDMA, OKAY?
MUM IS GOING TO WORK—
So flashy—
OOTOMO'S BROTHER AND MOTHER?
IS THAT...


DOESN'T SHE WORK AT THE BAR, "YUME MAGURO"?
THE ONE BY THE PORT, RIGHT?
SHE SAYS SHE HATES FISH. MY DAD ASKS WHY SHE MARRIED A FISHERMAN. THEY'RE ALWAYS ARGUING.


MY MUM WON'T EVEN DRY THE FISH.
BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FISHING BUSINESS..
SHE SAYS SHE'S GOING TO WORK

Because it's the country-side.
MY BROTHER IS EVEN INFATUATED WITH THE WOMEN THAT WORK THERE
You saw the white suit he was wearing. So stupid.
IT'S OWNED BY MY MUM'S FRIEND. SHE SAID SHE CAN DRINK THERE SO SHE'S GOES TO HELP.
... YEAH.
HAYASE'S MUM TELLS EVERYONE.
It's the same for every family.
NOPE. HE'S STILL HOOKED ON THE LUST.
OH RIGHT, HAS YOUR DAD RETURNED FROM HIS MISTRESS?
nothing can be kept a secret.
DWAHAHA!
I WANT TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE.
The children of this land grew up with mountains, streams, the ocean, and gossip.
WHEN WE GROW UP, WILL WE BECOME LIKE THAT TOO?

HASEGAWA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! HURRY AND GET DOWN FROM THERE!
WOAH
Amazing...
THE TEACHER'S GOING TO CRY SOON
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO KOUICHIROU, THE HASEGAWA FAMILY WOULD DEFINITELY NOT LET THE TEACHER OFF EASY.
Yanagida
Ootomo

Up in the mountains, surrounded by a high wall, is the Hasegawa family.
That place has always been—
an unlimited source of gossip.
I HEARD THAT, KOUICHIROU TORTURES CATS.
WE USED TO BE TORTURED BY HIM A LOT TOO.
YEAH, HE'S SO VIOLENT... HE'S LIKE A SCARY MONSTER.
EVERY DAY I WAS SCARED THAT HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME!
HAHAHA!
WOAH—
EEK—
WAH—
It really is like the legend of this land.
HIS GREAT GRANDMA WHO MADE THE BEADS MUST HAVE SUPER POWERS.
IN THE END, IT ONLY TOOK A STRING OF BEADS TO SUPPRESS HIM.

The gossip about the Hasegawa family just keeps spreading like this.

I HEARD IT WAS THE SUPERPOWERS THAT HELPED STRENGTHEN THE HASEGAWA GROUP.

NO, IT WAS ACTUALLY HIS GRANDFATHER. HE DID A LOT OF DIRTY BUSINESS WHICH MADE ALL THAT MONEY.

T/N: KOUICHIROU'S NAME TRANSLATES TO 'FIRST SAILING'

HE WAS PROBABLY KILLED BY EVERYONE'S GRUDGES.

EEK

YOU MEAN THE SAME GRANDFATHER THAT CREATED "FIRST SAILING* LAND"?

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT.

BWAHAHA!!

WOAH!!!

IN ORDER TO COMMEMORATE KOUICHIROU'S BIRTH...

HOW EMBARRASSING. HALFWAY THROUGH CONSTRUCTION HIS GRANDFATHER DIED SO IT WAS JUST ABANDONED THERE!

I HEARD THEY'RE GOING TO SELL IT.

IN A COUNTRYSIDE LIKE THIS, WHO'S GOING TO BUY..?

SWING!

RUSTLE
FALL
SWING!
SWING!
WHAT—
It's Kouichirou!
WHA—
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
EH?
OOTOMO...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! THAT'S SUCH A WASTE!

LOOK.
SUCK
THIS IS REALLY SWEET.
SUCH A WASTE,
It's Kouchirou
Hurry and run

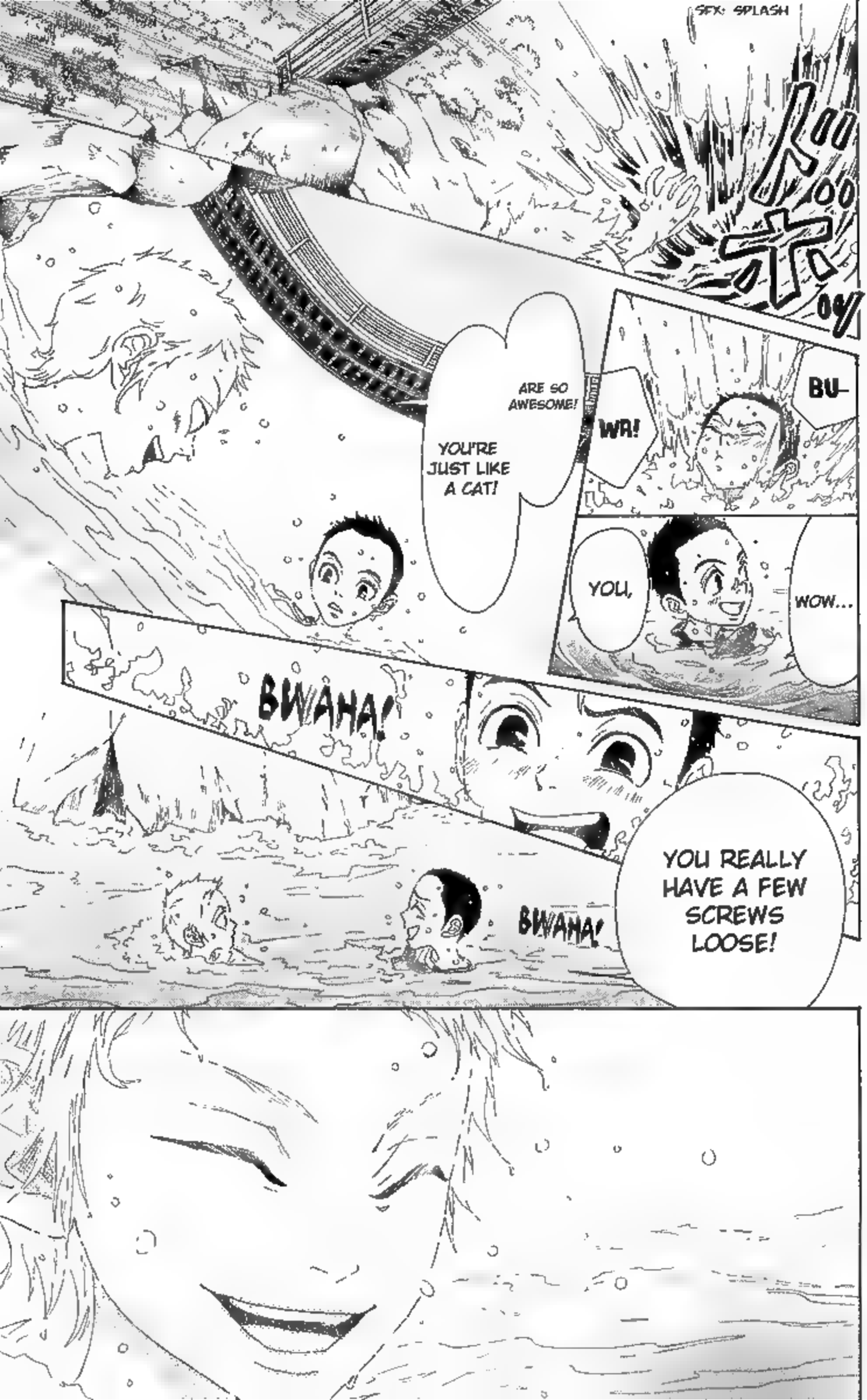
-HERE,
YOU TRY IT TOO.
A WASTE TO LET IT FALL TO THE GROUND...
Open
SUCKS—
SO SWEET!

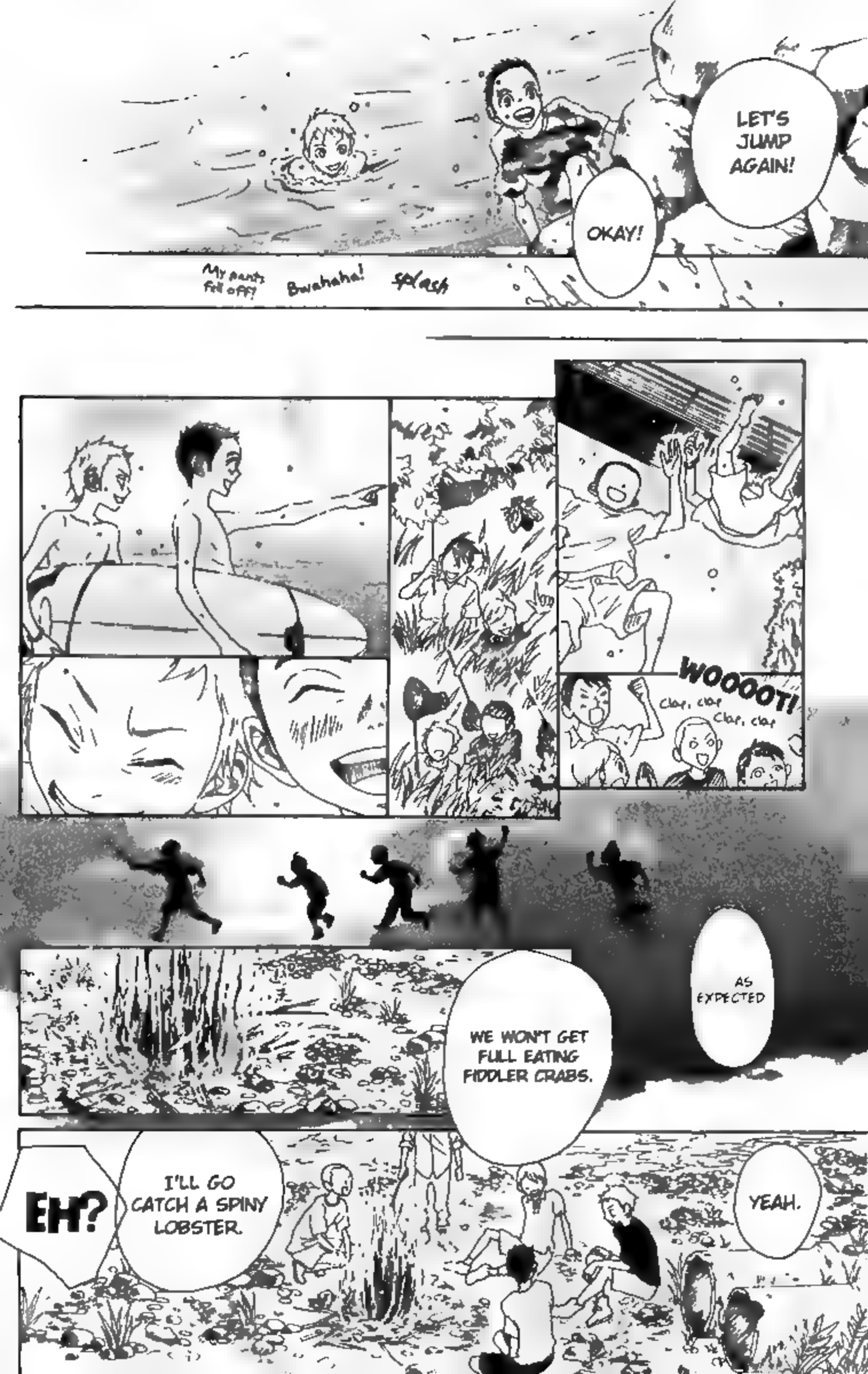
Hmph
HOW IMPATIENT
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT?
NECTAR? HOW COOL!
IT'S NECTAR.
Suck!
HOW CAN IT BE LIKE THIS?!
SO SWEET!
SO SWEET!
Suck—
Suck—
Suck—
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS EITHER
DOESN'T HAVE A MOTHER
This is a snack
MEOW—
So he can talk.
I THINK THIS IS MY FIRST TIME TALKING WITH HIM
THAT'S RIGHT
Meow—

EVEN IF YOU THROW A CAT, IT'LL LAND ON ITS FEET!
IT'S COOL, RIGHT?!
LANDS
TOSS
!!
I KNOW, RIGHT!
SO COOL!
Meow
Hold on.
SCRATCH
HERE, ONE MORE TIME...
HAHAHA!
YOU'RE SO FUN!
AH ...
THAT'S RIGHT.

I USUALLY JUMP FROM THE TALLEST PART OF THAT CLIFF INTO THE WATER.
ME,
BUT NO ONE HAS TRIED JUMPING FROM THIS BRIDGE BEFORE.
HEY,
DO YOU THINK—

FWA!
RWE—
AWESOME!
SPLASH!
!!

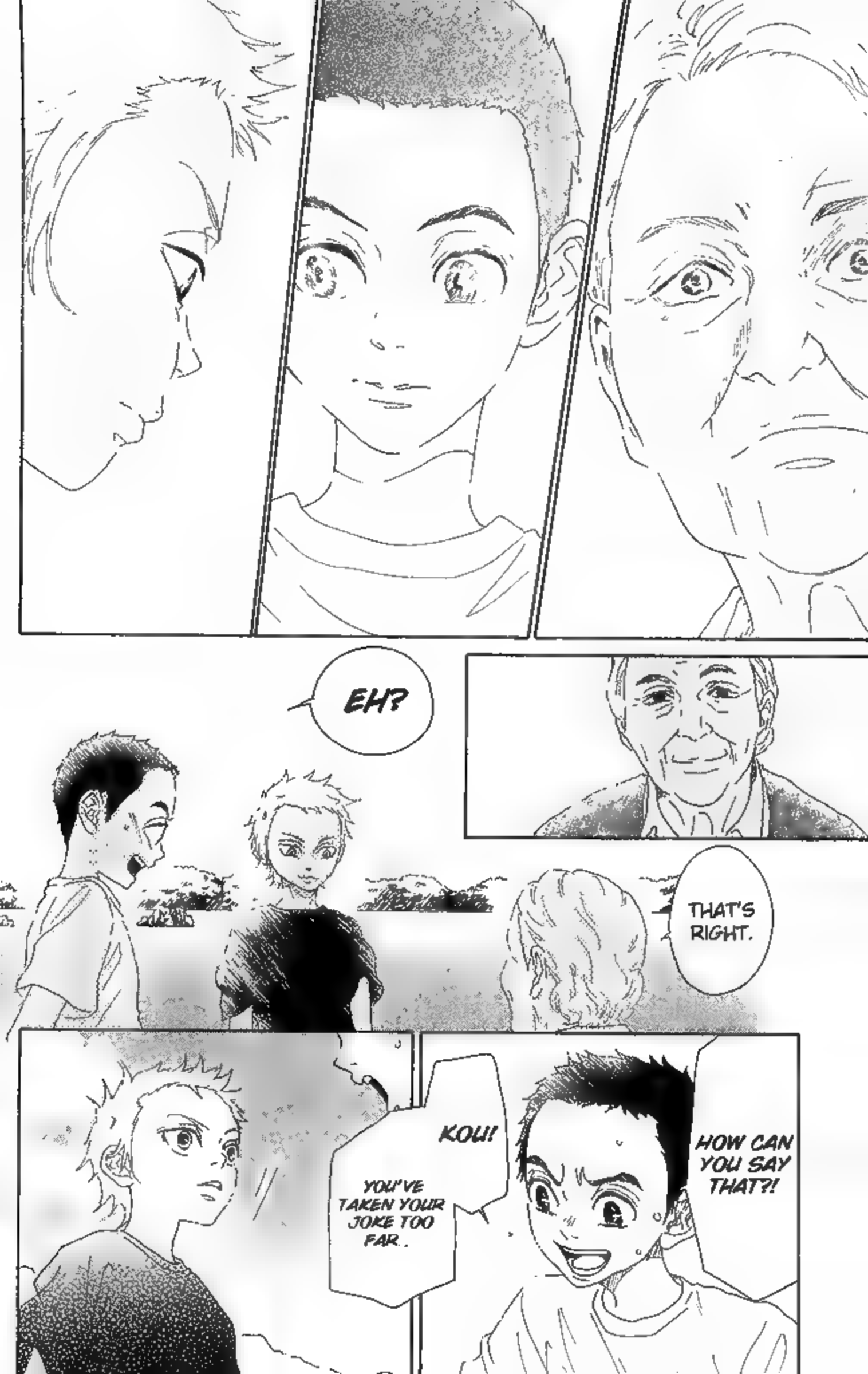

SFX: SPLASH
BU-
WA!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE A CAT!
ARE SO AWESOME!
YOU,
WOW...
BWAHA!
BWAHA!
YOU REALLY HAVE A FEW SCREWS LOOSE!


LET'S JUMP AGAIN!
OKAY!
My pants fell off!
Bwahaha!
splash
WOOOOT!
Clap, clap
Clap, clap
AS EXPECTED
WE WON'T GET FULL EATING FIDDLER CRABS.
EH?
I'LL GO CATCH A SPINY LOBSTER.
YEAH.

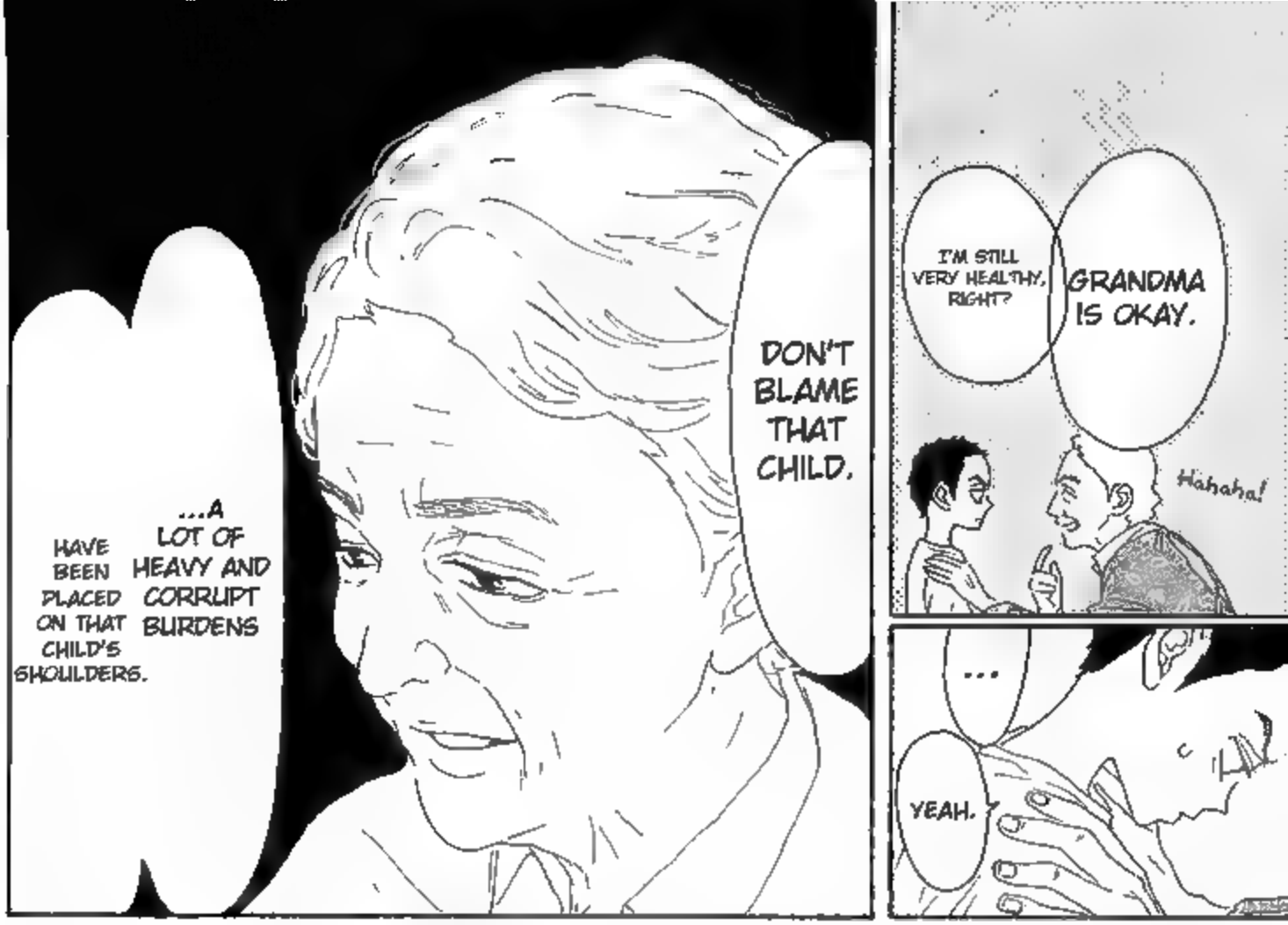
GOING TO THAT OCEAN WILL CAUSE CALAMITY.
FROM GOD'S SEA.
Spiny lobster!
FROM WHERE?
EH...
IT'S OKAY IF I GO.
KOU, YOU CAN'T.
YOU CAN'T!
AH.
I'LL GO TO MY GRANDMA'S AND BRING SOME THINGS OVER.
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
...
...
IT WAS A BIT SCARY EARLIER...
ME TOO.
YEAH... I WOULDN'T DARE OPPOSE KOU.
OOTOMO... IS AMAZING.

GRANDMA, GIVE ME FISH!
WE WANT TO ROAST THEM TO EAT!
WHAT HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN PLAYING? Hahaha!
OH, YOU'RE— THE HASEGAWA FAMILY'S YOUNG MASTER.

YOU'RE GOING TO DIE SOON, RIGHT?
THOSE EYES
ARE EXACTLY LIKE HIS
...
EXACTLY LIKE WHO'S?
..THIS CHILD'S GRAND-FATHER.
GRANDMA.


EH?
THAT'S RIGHT.
KOU!
YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR JOKE TOO FAR.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!

SHOVE
GO HOME!
KATSUTOSHI.
THAT GUY...


DON'T BLAME THAT CHILD.
...A LOT OF HEAVY AND CORRUPT BURDENS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THAT CHILD'S SHOULDERS.
I'M STILL VERY HEALTHY, RIGHT?
GRANDMA IS OKAY.
Hahaha!
...
YEAH.

I HAD NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT BEFORE.

IT WOULD BE TOO SCARY.

IF I LOST GRANDMA—

IT'S ALWAYS SO GENTLE.

IT'S ALWAYS BY MY SIDE.

GRANDMA'S KINDNESS...

KATSUTOSHI...
AHA-AHA!
BAR YUME MAGURO
HUHUHU~~ SORRY LA~~ KATSUTOSHI
DON'T CALL ME KATSUTOSHI.
AND IT TICKLES IF YOU HOLD MY STOMACH LIKE THAT...
I DRANK TOO MUCH TODAY TOO, SOWWY~~
DON'T ACT YOUNG.
HU...
DRINKING AND GOSSIPING ARE THE ONLY FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT HERE.
...
RECENTLY...

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN SAYING THAT YOU WANT TO LEAVE HOME?
FORGET THAT.
I'VE ALREADY—
BUT YOU'RE THE SECOND SON;
YOU DON'T NEED TO GO OUT INTO THE SEA WITH YOUR FATHER.
LEAVE HERE AND GO DO WHAT YOU LIKE.
THIS WORLD IS LIMITLESS FOR YOU.
...CHANGING THE TOPIC.
DRUNK.
HUHUHU
MOM IS REALLY FUN,
AND I REALLY LIKE HER. BUT

HONESTLY, RATHER THAN EXCEEDING MY LIMITS, WHAT I WANT MORE THAN ANYTHING IS FOR THINGS TO STAY THE SAME.
OH, RIGHT.
RECENTLY, YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING A LOT WITH THE KID FROM THE HASEGAWA FAMILY, RIGHT?
NOT REALLY.
THE CHILD'S BIRTH IS SURROUNDED BY KARMA.
HIS MOTHER COMMITTED SUICIDE,
AND HIS FATHER HATES HIM.

THEY SAY HE'S HIS DAD,
BUT KOUICHIROU ISN'T EVEN HIS BIOLOGICAL SON.
HE'S THE PRODUCT OF HIS GRANDFATHER, RAPING HIS OWN DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.
"THOSE EYES ARE EXACTLY LIKE HIS "
THAT MAN COULD DEFINITELY DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IN THE END, HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WENT CRAZY,
AND JUMPED INTO GOD'S SEA WITH HER CHILD.
"IT'S OKAY IF I GO."

SFX: SCREEEEECH
...MA.
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO SURVIVED.
WHAT A SAD CHILD.
IF YOU KEEP SAYING THAT I'LL HIT YOU.
KOU IS MY FRIEND.
SFX: VROOM VROOM
OKAY! COME WITH ME!
SFX: BAM
WHAT?!
RIYA KATSUTOSHI HAS BECOME A DELINQUENT!
HEADBAND: GOOD CATCH

THERE WAS NO SENSE OF REALITY TO ANY OF IT.

BUT IT SEEMED TOO COMPLICATED TO ME.

I'D ALREADY HEARD THOSE RUMOURS BEFORE,

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT GUY.

I—

I DON'T UNDERSTAND

"YOU'RE GOING TO DIE SOON, RIGHT?"

I FEEL

HOW DO I PUT IT

BUT,

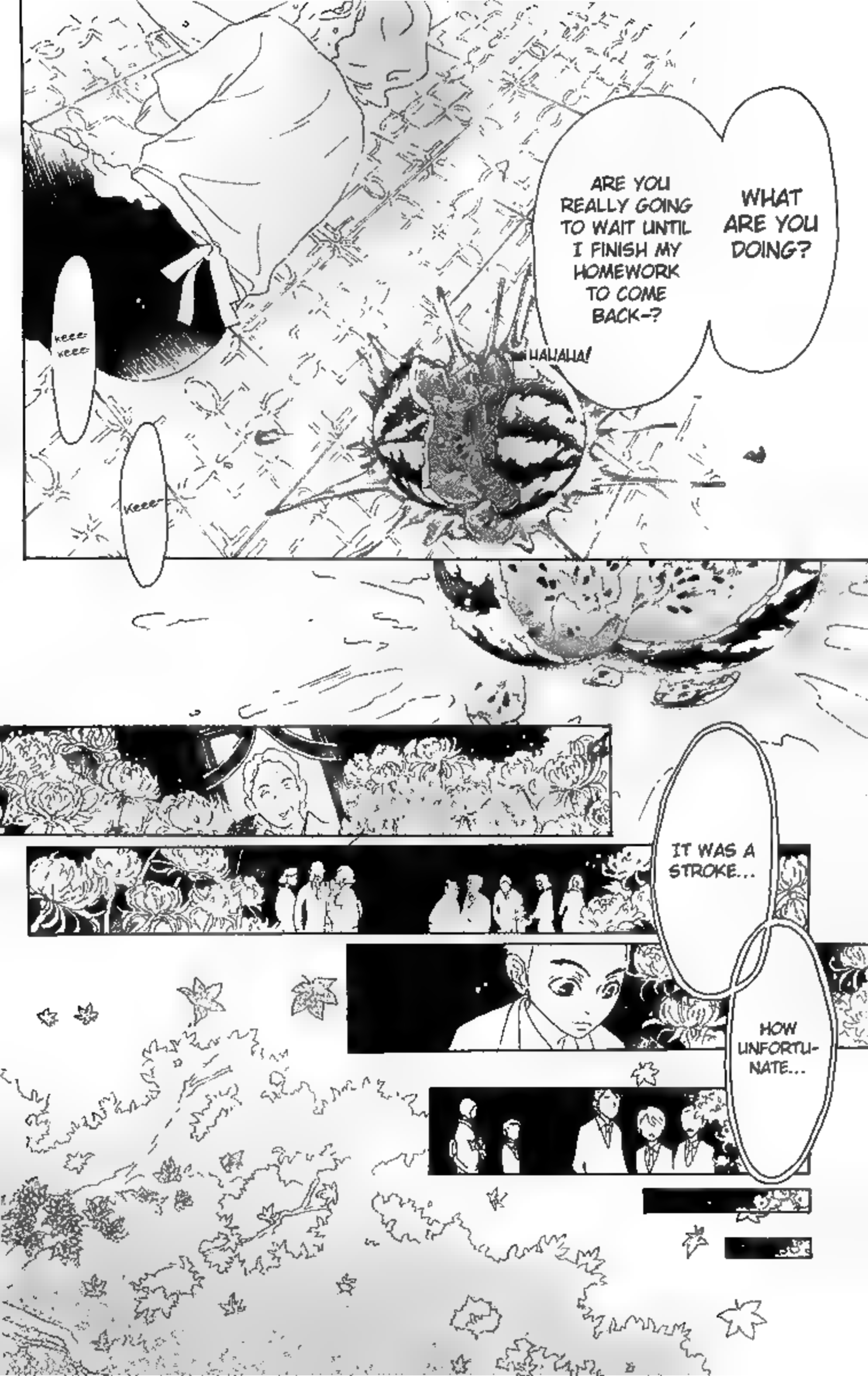
HAVE YOU ALL GOT IT WRONG??

IS HE "UNFORTUNATE"?

IT'S BETTER TO KEEP IT SIMPLE.

I DON'T UNDER-STAND

Keee
-FU,
SUMMER IS OVER BUT IT'S STILL SO HOT.
Keee
I'LL GO CUT A WATERMELON.
Keee—
keee—
HURRY AND FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE I COME BACK
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE—
AIYA, MY LEG'S ASLEEP...
Keee
Keee
Keee
Keee
Keee—
Keee
Clank
Keee—
Keee—
.....
Keee—
GRANDMA—


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO WAIT UNTIL I FINISH MY HOMEWORK TO COME BACK-?
HAHAHA!
keee-
keee-
keee-
IT WAS A STROKE...
HOW UNFORTU-NATE...

YOU,
DO YOU REALLY HAVE SUPER POWERS?
NO.
...
BUT THAT TIME, HOW DID YOU...?
THAT TIME,
...
I JUST, SUDDENLY THOUGHT OF IT, THAT'S ALL.
IF I JUST DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER ...

...THEN,
DO YOU THINK OF THESE THINGS OFTEN?
LIKE HOW YOUR GREAT GRANDMA DID?
JINGLE
NO.
I'M NOT THAT GREAT.
IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO DISAPPEAR SOON
AND IT'S ALSO BECOMING MORE AND MORE INACCURATE.
MY SIXTH SENSE IS ONLY ACTIVE WHEN I DON'T NEED IT,

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
BUT I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW.
EVERYONE ALWAYS WANTS ME TO PREDICT THINGS FOR THE FAMILY.
I'M USELESS.
"A LOT OF HEAVY AND CORRUPT BURDENS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THAT CHILD'S SHOULDERS."
...
ALTHOUGH MY SISTER,
BUT SHE NEVER TELLS ANYONE.
SHE CAN ACTUALLY SEE A LOT OF THINGS,
SHE JUST WANTS VENGEANCE AGAINST OUR FATHER.
...YOUR SISTER IS VERY AMBITIOUS..
She came to the funeral.
SHE SAID SHE WANTS TO CONTROL THE HASEGAWA FAMILY TOGETHER WITH ME.

I THINK IT'S MORE FUN TO JUMP INTO THE WATER WITH YOU.
I'M NOT INTERESTED.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME;
...
SIMPLE..

TOSS-
RUN!
!
THUD
AH.
Mrow
LANDS
...
HEY,
TRY THROWING IT TOO.
IT'S REALLY COOL!

HEY,
WAIT...
DON'T RUN!
Meow—
Scratch
BWHRHRHR!
OKAY, KOU.
IF WE GET HUNGRY WE'LL COOK SOMETHING TO EAT AGAIN.
OKAY!

MY GRANDPA MUST NOT HAVE BEEN RIGHT IN THE HEAD.
HEY,
FIRST SAILING LAND...
A.K.A FSL...
KOUICHIROU ...
BWAHAHA!

SOMEDAY,
HEY,
LET'S FINISH THIS PLACE TOGETHER!
SOUNDS FUN!
YEAH!
Drag
Drag
OKAY! MY FAMILY IS IN CONSTRUCTION SO THEY CAN COME HERE AND BUILD AN APARTMENT.
YEAH.
WHEN WE GROW UP LET'S ALL WORK HERE!

THEN WE CAN ALL LIVE TOGETHER THERE!
OH.
WE CAN OPEN AN FSL BRANCH OF OUR FAMILY'S LIQUOR STORE ON THE FIRST FLOOR.
Drag
Scratch
THEN I'LL PERFORM A TUNA DISSECTION SHOW TO GENERATE NEWS!
THINK OF STUFF AN AMUSEMENT PARK WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE
PLEASE,
AGAIN WITH THESE IDEAS!
WAHAHAHA!
HOW ABOUT A ROLLER COASTER WITH FIVE LOOPS!
OR THE KIND OF MAZES THAT KANA IS ALWAYS LOOKING AT
SCARY
BEFORE THAT,
WE SHOULD CHANGE THE NAME...
HAHAHAHAHAHA
IT'S OKAY! WE'LL GO WITH FSL!

FSL PLAN
CRAP!
Bye Bye
SFX: PEDDLE PEDDLE
THE SUN IS COMING OUT!
OUR PARENTS ARE GOING TO WAKE UP SOON!

HEY!
HMM?
I'VE ...
ALWAYS HATED THAT AMUSEMENT PARK.

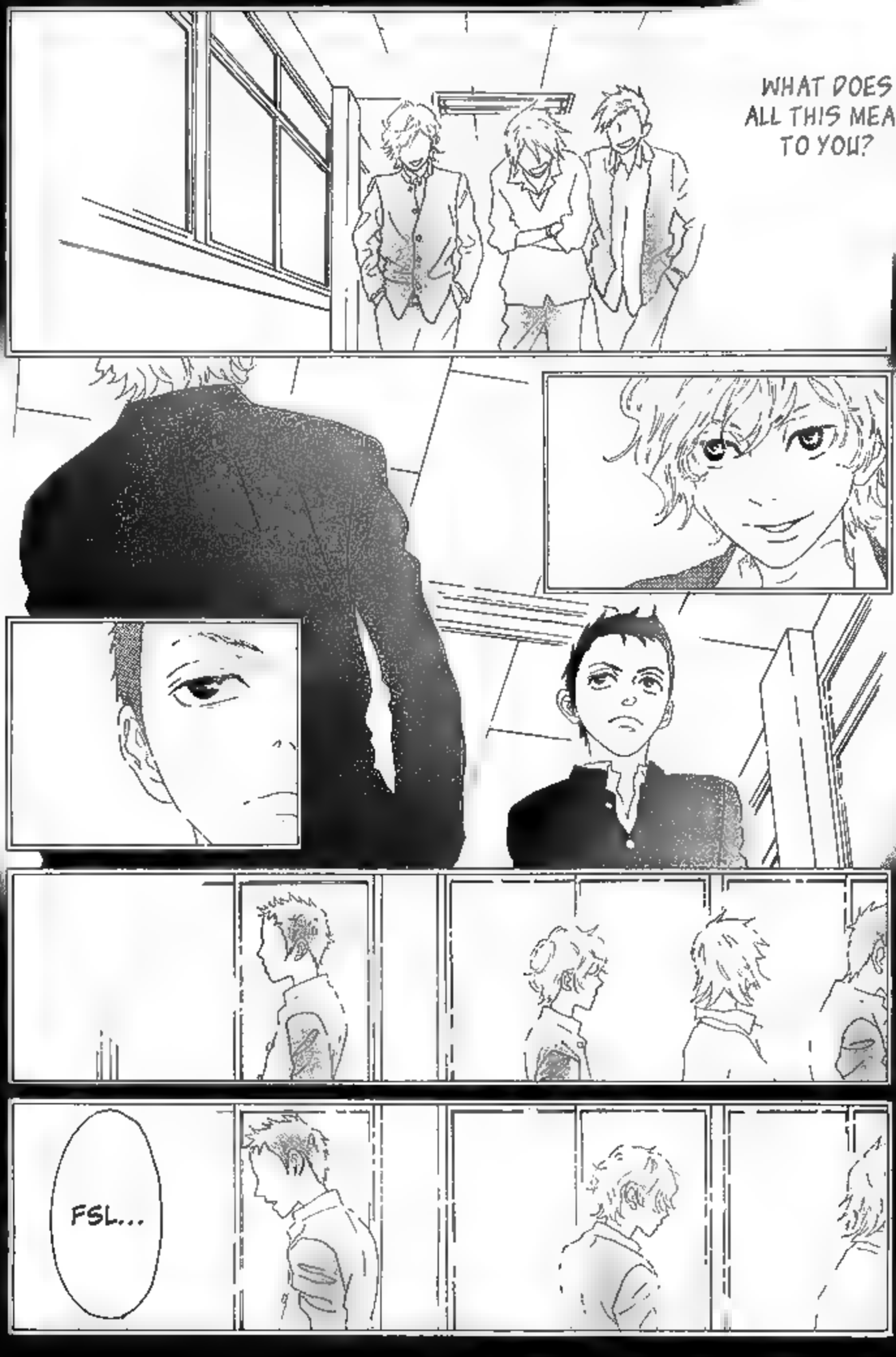
JUST LIKE MY EXISTENCE, A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK IT'S AN EYESORE.
BUT...
HA.
...

IF WE REALLY GO THROUGH WITH THE FSL PLAN,
WE'LL BE—
IDIOTS FOR LIFE.

IDIOTS FOR LIFE.
YEAH.

GAGAGAGAGAGAGA
Clunk
Clunk
DRYING RIVER
AGAINST GAIE
SOIL POLLUTION
NOW THEY'RE SAYING THAT THEY WANT TO MAKE THIS INTO A GOLF COURSE
PROTEST!
No consideration for the environment
DOING SUCH UNNECESSARY THINGS AGAIN
THE HASEGAWA GROUP IS SLOWLY GOING DOWN A PATH OF NO RETURN.
GAGAGAGA
CRUMBLE
CLUNK
CRASH

...THIS DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!
THE SUNRISE OF THAT DAY,
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
WHAT DID THAT MEAN?

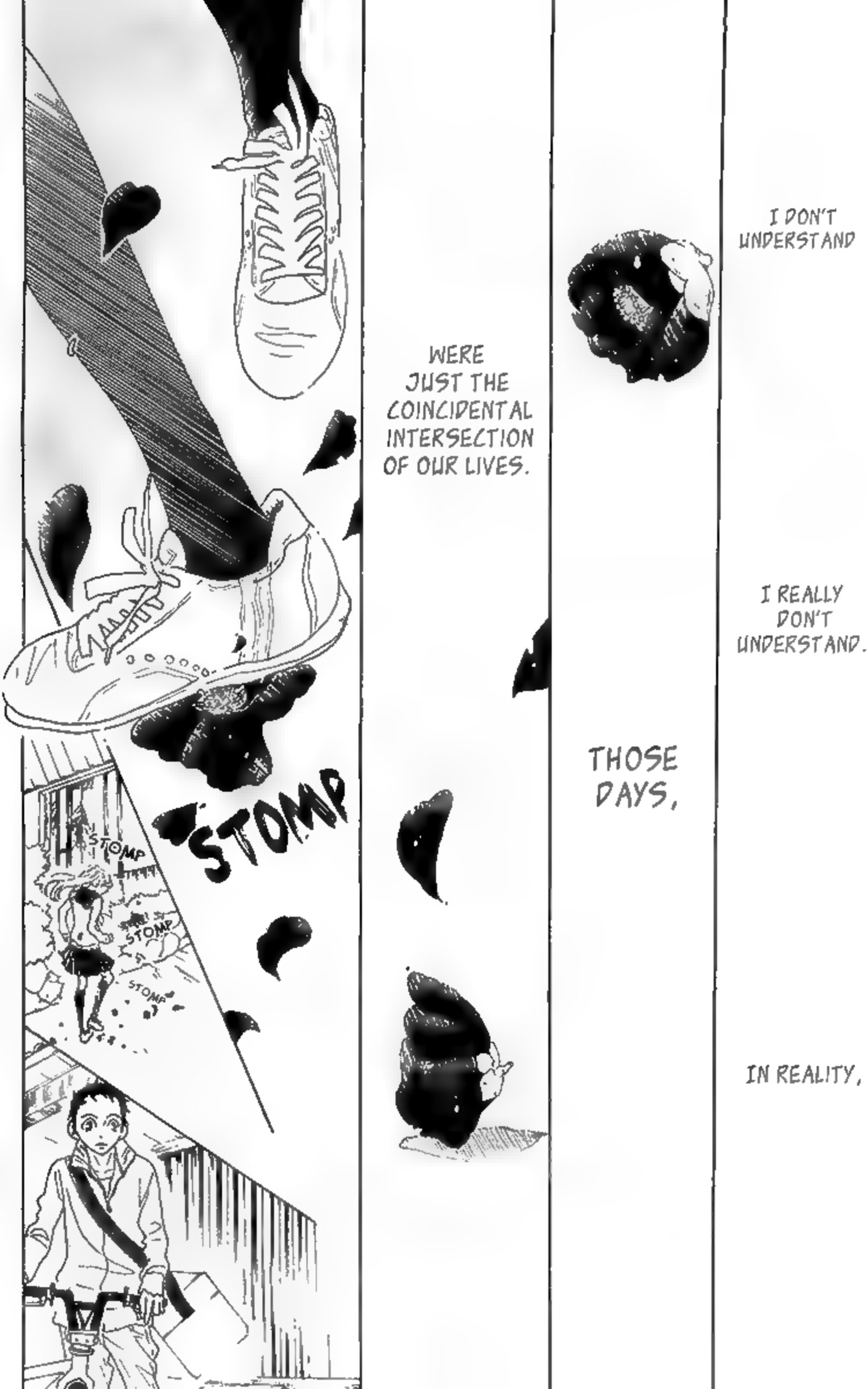

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN TO YOU?
FSL...

IT'LL ALL BE TORN DOWN.
BY NEXT YEAR
...NEWS SURE TRAVELS FAST.
.....
HEY...
HONESTLY,
YOU BEATING UP YAMAGATA ...
THERE MUST BE A REASON, RIGHT?

GRAB
HEY...
KOU...
YOU REALLY ARE SUCH A ROMANTIC...

I—
I JUST SIMPLY DON'T WANT CHANGE.
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT CHANGED TOO MUCH.
...REALLY?

I WAS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.


STOMP
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STOMP
WERE JUST THE COINCIDENTAL INTERSECTION OF OUR LIVES.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THOSE DAYS,
IN REALITY,

BUT,

I

IN THAT SIMPLE PATH OF THE FUTURE.

THE EXISTENCE OF THAT IMPOSSIBLE FUTURE.

EVEN THOUGH I HONESTLY BELIEVED IN ...

WU~
AH...

-KOU!
AS EXPECTED!
INVINCIBLE!
WOAH.
CHECK OUT THE BLOOD SPLATTER.

SLIP
CAME...IA
EH?
ARE YOU OKAY?
...
HURTS...

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SFX. BEEP BEEP
New Mail
Might as well change his name to "The Barbarian Hasegawa."
Recently, Kou's delinquent behaviour
has gotten worse and worse.
...OH
TARGET SPOTTED.

CHAPTER 30

COLOUR OF THE SUNSET

Chatter
YOU LOT DON'T BOTHER COMING BACK!
Chatter
RUMOUR HAS IT THAT EVERYONE IN THIS AREA ALREADY HAS AN X.
AN X? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
WHOEVER LOSES A FIGHT AGAINST THEM
GETS AN X CARVED INTO THE BACK OF THEIR HAND
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
...
...
IT'S LIKE
IT'S GOING IN A DIRECTION I CAN'T UNDERSTAND

AT AN INCREASING SPEED.
LIKE A
ROLLING STONE...
"...THE PERSON YOU SPEAK OF"
"THAT " SHINING KOU""
"IS ALREADY DEAD."
... I know it's clear to me.

GRIP...
TELLS ME I SHOULD GIVE UP ON KOU.
MY HEART
SFX. CLICK
CLICK
WAIT! LET ME TOUCH UP.
STOP TAKING BEHIND THE SCENE PHOTOS!
why won't you listen
YEARBOOK PHOTOS?
WHAT DID YOU JUST TAKE?! IT CAN'T BE
HOLD UP.
SHAA-
YOU'RE TAKING PICTURES OF THE GUYS TOO, RIGHT?
HEY, NATSUME.
NO—NO— YOU HAVE TO CAPTURE THE EXTRAORDINARY BEAUTY THAT I CREATE!
LOOK, ISN'T IT CUTE?
PHOTOS WHERE EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT THE CAMERA ARE NO FUN.

DING DONG—

DING DONG—

GOING AROUND TAKING YEARBOOK PHOTOS IS JUST INCIDENTAL.

I'M FREE ANYWAY. ...

"... KOU?"
At that time...
that feeling .
I can't get it out of my mind.
IS IT JUST THAT..
OOTOMO SEEMS LIKE HE'S INTENTIONALLY AVOIDING ME .
BUT...
I'M THINKING TOO MUCH?
I HATE IT
THIS KIND OF FRUSTRATING FEELING..
Click
Open

—IT'S ALL OZE'S FAULT.
THAT'S
BEAUTIFUL ORANGE COLOURED
YOUTH
THAT IS THE WATER PLANTAIN'S MYSTICAL GRADUATION TRIP MAGIC
!

SNATCH
UMM...
WAVE
WAVE
FOR THE YEARBOOK.
WHAT RRE YOU DOING?
AH.
UNINTENTIONALLY
SHAA...
SFX CLICK
TWITCH
DAZED
!!
くわしや...
IS THE PICTURE DEVE-LOPED?
LET ME SEE...
SFX CRUMPLE

HORRIBLE SKILLS!
HMPH!
1
STEP!
2
TWIST
TWIST
TWIST
3
HORRIBLE SKILLS...!
I REALLY WAS JUST OVER THINKING IT. OOTOMO IS STILL THE SAME OOTOMO.
I DON'T NEED ANY YEARBOOK PHOTOS!
GET LOST, GETLOST—
Is my technique really that bad .?
YOU! DON'T TAKE MY PHOTO ANYMORE...
AH, AH, AH, THIS FILM IS REALLY PRECIOUS YOU KNOW...
eek
Totally destroyed
IF THAT'S SO

CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
TAKEDA'S DIGITAL CAMERA IS SO AWESOME!
OH, OH!
フヒヒ
SFX WHOOSH
WHERE ARE YOU GOING...?
AH!
WHOOSH
turn
...
CLICK
HUFF HUFF HUFF
FOUND YOU
Surf Shop Love and Justice
サーフショップ

ISN'T THAT NICE, KATSUTOSHI
I DON'T NEED THAT...
I JUST WANT TO TAKE SOME SPECTACULAR PHOTOS FOR YOUR SAKE.
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
JUST GO BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN ALREADY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
IT'S WARMER IN THE FOREST!
AH!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!
NO WAY. SHE JUST HAS CHUUNIBYOU!
T/N: CHUUNIBYOU TRANSLATE TO MIDDLE-SCHOOL SECOND YEAR SYNDROME, TO DESCRIBE BEHAVIOUR WHERE A PERSON ACTS LIKE THEY'RE A KNOW-IT-ALL ADULT AND HAVE SPECIAL POWERS, MUCH LIKE HOW SOME TEENAGERS OF THAT AGE WOULD ACT
IT'S NO SURPRISE YOU'RE RELATED BY BLOOD. YOUR BROTHER WAS VERY POPULAR TOO...
THOSE DELINQUENT GIRLS
WHISTLE~
AS EXPECTED~
YOU!
YOU'RE LYING
WHOOSH
YOU...
SHE ASKED FOR OOTOMO'S PICTURE!
... A GIRL IN OUR CLASS ASKED ME FOR A FAVOR.

...IT'S
ENAMI, WHO TURNED INTO SUCH A MATURE BEAUTY RECENTLY.
...
...HEY.
WHO IS IT?
...
OH.
HM,
I DON'T THINK WE'VE EXCHANGED MORE THAN A FEW WORDS...
...
WELL I'M FREE ANYWAY.
AND I CAN EASE UP TO OOTOMO IN THE MEANTIME
...
YET YOU'RE BEING SO HELPFUL.
ARE YOU CLOSE WITH ENAMI?
, NOT REALLY
GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS TO TAKE PICTURES..

IT'S BETTER TO BICKER WITH HIM INSTEAD
AS OPPOSED TO BEING FRUSTRATED,
AREN'T YOU POPULAR-
—THAT'S RIGHT. THERE WAS SOMEONE LOOKING TO TAKE YOUR PICTURE IN OZE TOO.
BWAHAHA!
YOU CAN SHOW OFF A LITTLE MORE YOU KNOW~!
YOU SHOULD SHOW OFF A LITTLE MORE~
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO OUT WITH HER?!

...
...THAT'S RIGHT.
SO POPULAR, SO POPULAR
EH?
OKAY
TAKE SOME GOOD LOOKING PICTURES.
OH.
THEN I'LL JUST USE THAT
LEND IT TO ME
OOTOMO-SAN ?
WE ONLY HAVE LONG ONES NOW
THE KIND FOR BEGINNERS
OWNER LEND ME A SHORT BOARD.
AND SWIM TRUNKS
EH?
EH?

WHISTLE

HEY.
IS THAT GUY TRYING TO SURF WITH A KICK-BOARD...?
BWAHAHA
HE'S LIKE THAT.
THE SMALLER THE BOARD, THE HARDER IT IS TO BALANCE
YOU CAN'T LEARN EVEN IF YOU WANTED TO.
EH? A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT?
WE KNOW...
THE NATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN SURFING SINCE CHILDHOOD ARE ALL VERY GOOD—
ESPECIALLY THIS GUY.

HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OCEAN IS ESPECIALLY GOOD.
WORN

-DID YOU CATCH THAT?

NOPE...
-AH.
NO!
GO DO IT AGAIN.
AH!
WHAT?!
SHAA
YOU ONLY WANT TO TAKE WEIRD PICTURES OF ME ANYWAY.
OTHER THAN THAT,
YOU HAVE NO INTEREST, RIGHT?
. IT'S BECAUSE
I WAS SURPRISED.

WHAT?
...
OOTOMO...
YOU'RE SO COOL WHEN YOU'RE SURFING... BUT I'M NOT GOING TO ADMIT SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
I'M GOING TO PRETEND I DIDN'T SEE THAT!
SHAA
SHAA
WHAT...
SO YOUR IMPRESSION OF ME...

IS THAT I'M JUST AN IDIOT!
...
WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY IDIOT..
AH.
OOTOMO HAS A COLOR

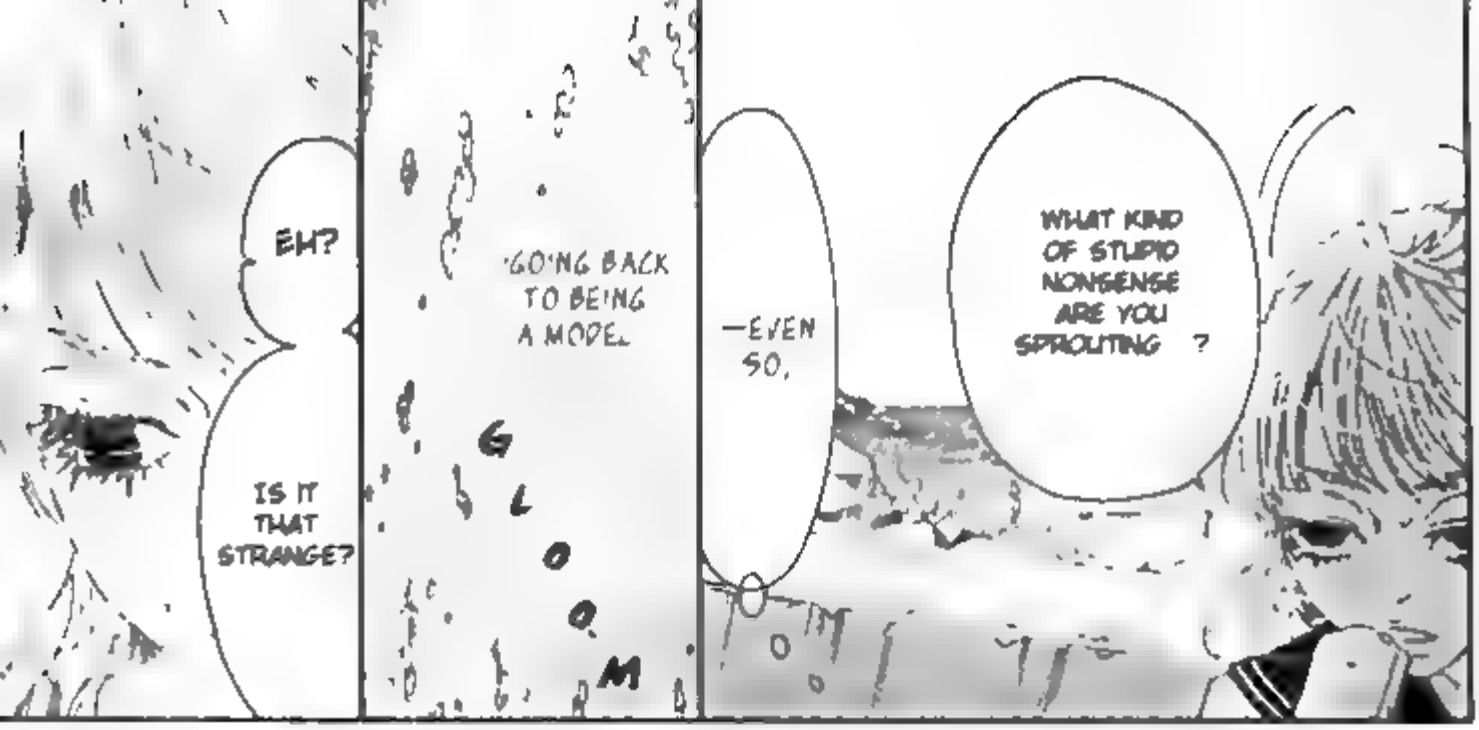
YOUR FATHER IS A FISHERMAN TOO.
YOU REALLY LIKE THE OCEAN, RIGHT?
-OOTOMO.
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS?
EH?
... MY BROTHER
IS THE ONE WHO'LL TAKE OVER.

...
...I...
I'M—
GOING TO LEAVE HERE.
EH?
PROBABLY TOKYO OR SOMETHING.
EH—
Kachak
WHY...?
WHERE TO?
THEN,
IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO DO?
...
SECRET.
TRYING TO ACT COOL AGAIN...
WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU?
WHAT TO DO NOW?
HMPH...
OH, REALLY.
HMM...

STAY HERE FOREVER.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT OOTOMO WOULD—
...
IT FEELS
AHAHAHA!
IT'S DANGEROUS!
...
HAHAHA!
WU-AH!
I'LL MISS OUT ON SEEING SOME THINGS THAT I WANT TO SEE
.. STAYING HERE FOREVER.
A BIT LONELY

FSL IS NO LONGER ANYMORE...
AND ...
HAHAHA
HUH?
...
THE HOTEL HAS RYULITA TO TAKE OVER ANYWAY...
YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE TOO, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW...
GLOOOOOM
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER I LEAVE OR NOT.
I'M GOING TO GO BY MYSELF.
At that time,
AH, AH, HONESTLY, THINKING BACK, IT'S SCARY.
I TALKED SO BIG.

...
...EH?
what did you say?
...PARIS?
WILL YOU GO TO PARIS?
ARE YOU GOING TO GO BACK TO BEING A MODEL?
MODEL
PARIS FASHION SHOW
WHEN I TRY TO PICTURE SOMETHING I DON'T SEE ANY PLANS NOR THE FUTURE
DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT .T ANYMORE
GLOOM


EH?
IS IT THAT STRANGE?
GOING BACK TO BEING A MODEL
GLOOM
—EVEN SO,
WHAT KIND OF STUPID NONSENSE ARE YOU SPROUTING ?

YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING RELATED TO THAT IN THE FUTURE, RIGHT?

YEAH...
AH...
...
WHAT AM I SAYING "YEAH" FOR
I didn't say anything wrong.
RIGHT?
SO HOW IS THAT STUPID?
HOW IS ANY OF THAT "RIGHT?" ..
USING THOSE
SUNSET LIKE EYES.
YOU SHOULD KNOW
ABOUT
-ANYWAY

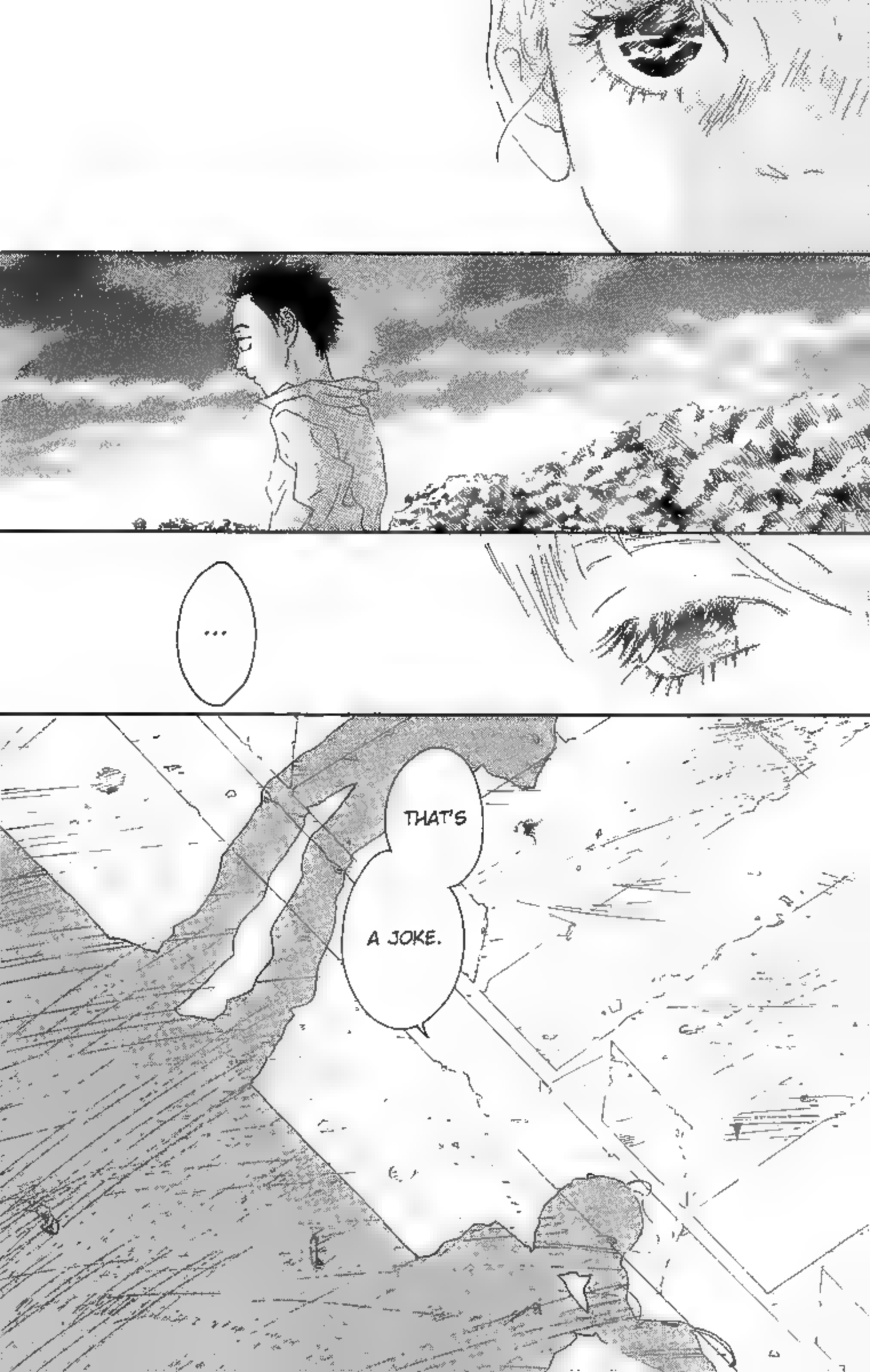
WE'RE STILL 15.
HAVING EXTRAORDINARY HOPES FOR THE FUTURE,
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

IN THE END,
...RIGHT.
-RIGHT?
EVEN SOMEONE LIKE ME, WHO AVOIDS TROUBLE, IS DYED THE SAME COLOUR

THE INCREDIBLE NATURAL OOTOMO COLOUR—
IT'S NICE THAT WAY...
...AH.
I UNDER-STAND
OOTOMO—
DOESN'T HAVE TO SAY MUCH
BUT ENAMI AND THE OTHER GIRLS, CAN ALL SEE IT.
THEY CAN SEE
OOTOMO'S POTENTIAL..

THEY ALL HAVE SUCH GOOD INSIGHT.
THEY'RE SO GOOD.
I...
I WAS JUST JOKING.
-WHAT?
EH...?
...
GEEZ
I ALREADY SAID I WAS JOKING!
IT...
IT CAN'T BE THAT...
!
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ME...?
YOU...

WHAT!
slip
slipped
GOT YOU, GOT YOU! Yay
-I'M JUST KIDDING.
BUT...
I ALREADY SAID I WAS JOKING!
was just joking around
no, no, no, I didn't back away
DON'T BACK AWAY!
...
BECAUSE
YOU STILL THINK KOU IS BETTER, RIGHT?


...
THAT'S
A JOKE.

HA.
WHAT.
HAHAHA
WHO SAYS IT THEMSELVES.
HAHA.

-HAHAHA..
HAHA..
..

WHOOSH
IS THAT THE LAST BUS?
AH
I'LL GO CATCH IT, WAIT!
-AH.
...
OR
YOU COULD TAKE ME HOME ON YOUR BIKE..
...
...AH.
MMM.
NEVER MIND...

ぐいっ
!

OH,

-HEY-

THE BUS IS STOPPED OVER THERE.
OUJI-!
AH...

OH.
JUMP
WHO'S THAT?
...
SLAM
HURRY AND GET IN THE CAR.
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT A TAXI WOULD COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.
Hahaha
A NEW FACE.
WHOOSH
DON'T KNOW...

I THINK—
A BIT LIKE KOU—
NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.
OOTOMO IS THINKING THE SAME, RIGHT?
AH-?
HUH...
...
...
...
WHY IS IT BACK?
IT'S THIS AWKWARD FEELING AGAIN.

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
THIS IS...
FOR ENAMI-
!

CLICK

SHOVE
-WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HER THIS PICTURE!
CLATTER
Nikon

...
Grab

溺れるナイフ

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I MUST NOT LOOK INTO THE PROJECT'S EYES...

They are always so beautiful.

ADOPT ME PLEASE...

My God.
He is so cute
What should I do?

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THE SOUND
OF THE OCEAN
AT TSUMESAKI

...
JUST...
CARRY ON...

WHAT THE...
SFX JUMPS
...
KATZ-CHAN, AREN'T YOU A RESTLESS YOUTH? SO LET'S HEAR IT
Brother's girlfriend
SLIDE
BANG
BAM
BANG
HECK DID I DO?!
...BOTH OF YOU SHOULD GET LOST...
You're really funny
BWAHAHA, TRYING TO HELP YOUR SON.
HUH?!
WHAT IF HE WAS IN MIDDLE OF SOMETHING?
WAIT A SECOND, HOW COULD YOU BARGE INTO MY GROWN UP SON'S ROOM?

...
OOTOMO..
..REALLY
...
TAKEDA-SAN,
WHY??
STOP!!
GYAHAHA!
YOU DORK!
...
I'LL PUT IT ON YOUR DESK
I guess I heard about Chakura!
T/N: CHAKURA YOGA IS THE TERM FOR ENERGY
...
...
THANKS FOR THE CAMERA.

I DON'T GET IT!

LIKE ME?

WHY DOES HE

OOTOMO IS MORE...
...WELL, IT'S OVER NOW
BAD AND DARK
I'M SO..
LOOK,
HE'D BE BETTER WITH A HEALTHY AND BRIGHT GIRL UNDER THE SUN,
I'M CHEAP ANYWAY...
IT SEEMS TO FIT HIM WELL
LAUGHING OUT LOUD WITH HIS WIDE OPEN MOUTH

I THOUGHT IT WAS A MISTAKE
THAT TIME,

THOUGH IT SEEMS QUITE INTENTIONAL,
JUST A LITTLE
A BIT
SO THAT'S IT
NO.
WHAT IF I HAD MADE SOME KIND OF A CONNECTION WITH HIM?
...
I'M SO DESPICABLE.
I WANT HIM TO LOVE ME...
Ring
Ding
Dong
AH...

BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HEY, ...
FEELING BAD.
DID YOU REALLY SHOW IT TO ENAMI?
THE PICTURE WE TOOK LAST TIME...
...
I RETURNED THE CAMERA TO TAKEDA-SAN.
GET RID OF IT.
...I DIDN'T SHOW HER.
I DON'T WANT SOMEONE LIKE HER TO LOOK AT IT...
GREAT
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER
...LEAVE IT
HE'S PISSING ME OFF
"GET RID OF IT"

...I CAN'T ASK HIM. I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT OOTOMO.
THEN, WHY DID YOU TAKE THAT PICTURE?
I JUST WANT TO RUN AWAY FROM MAKING SURE OF OUR FEELINGS

I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT THIS EITHER
NATSUME—
Stand up
Bow
MAKE SURE YOU GUYS DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE SCHOOL LIST OF YOUR CHOICES.
進路希望
PREFERRED LIST OF HIGH SCHOOLS

I WAS JUST BAIT
HUH?
WHICH HIGH SCHOOL ARE YOU APPLYING TO?
I'M APPLYING TO KAIDO HIGH SCHOOL...
EH!? ME?
WHAT? OOTOMO?
WELL, MUST BE A NICE SCHOOL.
AH...
WAIT, SUZUKA..
AH, REALLY?
ME TOO, ME TOO.
HMM,
KAIDO HIGH
HMM..
WELL, GOOD LUCK.
SURE...
WHAT WAS THAT?

REALLY?
WE'RE THE SAME.
THEN, DURING THIS SUMMER BREAK,
PLEASE. .
THE SUMMER BREAK,
THIS DORK REALLY WAS THE 'CHEAP GUY'!!!
Enami totally fell for me.
江波は俺に
I GO TO 'SEA SIDE' BUT...
惚れちょる
WAIT, DID HIS FACE JUST TURNED RED?
THEN,
ARE YOU TAKING THE SUMMER ACADEMIC CLASSES?
WHERE?
...AHH.

THEM SEEING
EACH OTHER WITHOUT ME KNOWING
YOU KNOW,

NO ONE
PERHAPS I'LL GO THERE TOO...!
CAN HEAR ME.
I MEAN
IT'S MORE
I MEAN
SOMEHOW IT HAS TO BE ANOTHER GIRL
OOTOMO IS

THOUGHTS, HEART,
AND ACTIONS ARE ALL TORN
BETWEEN CONTRADICTIONS.

The summer break starts tomorrow
It should be meaningful
rumble
rumble
rumble

HEY, KOU...
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE YOU CAME TO SCHOOL.

WOW,
YOU HAVE STITCHES ON YOUR HEAD?
HEY, YOU SHOULD BE NICER TO ME.
YOU GET INTO FIGHTS A LOT.
THUD
...
...
SFX: SLIDE
REALLY?!
THAT'S THE GLORIOUS MEDAL FROM WINNING AGAINST HIGH SCHOOL KIDS.
I can change for love though.

HERE, HERE, KOU ICHIRO—
GOTCHA.
FOUND YOU.
THAT'S?

FROM LAST TIME
SFX: SHATTER
JUST
DIE...

SFX WOW, KYAA
うわあ
キャ
...CHE.
CRASH
ガシャ
UWA...

SFX: CLATTER
KOU-CHAN!

DON'T.
D...
DON'T...

SFX: THUD
CLANG

YO, KOU!
RUNNING AWAY?!
YO, YO, HE'S QUITE FORMIDABLE.
WHICH JUNIOR HIGH IS HE FROM? DAMN IT.

YOUR KOU IS MY COUSIN AND I'M THE TRANSFERRED FRESHMAN.
HUH?
ME,
TALKING ABOUT ME,
I'M THE NEXT FIRST BORN PRINCE OF THE HASEKAWA HOUSEHOLD!
YOU GUYS TRYING TO GANG UP ON ME-
WHAT THE-?
GET YOUR FACE OUT OF HERE.
Can't just let you run wild.
DRAG
DRAG
HE'S THE WORST.
OUR WINDOW GLASS...
SCARY-
CHE!
RUMBLE
SFX: THUD
WE'LL SUFFOCATE IF WE HAVE ONE MORE HASEKAWA IN THE CLASS.
REALLY,

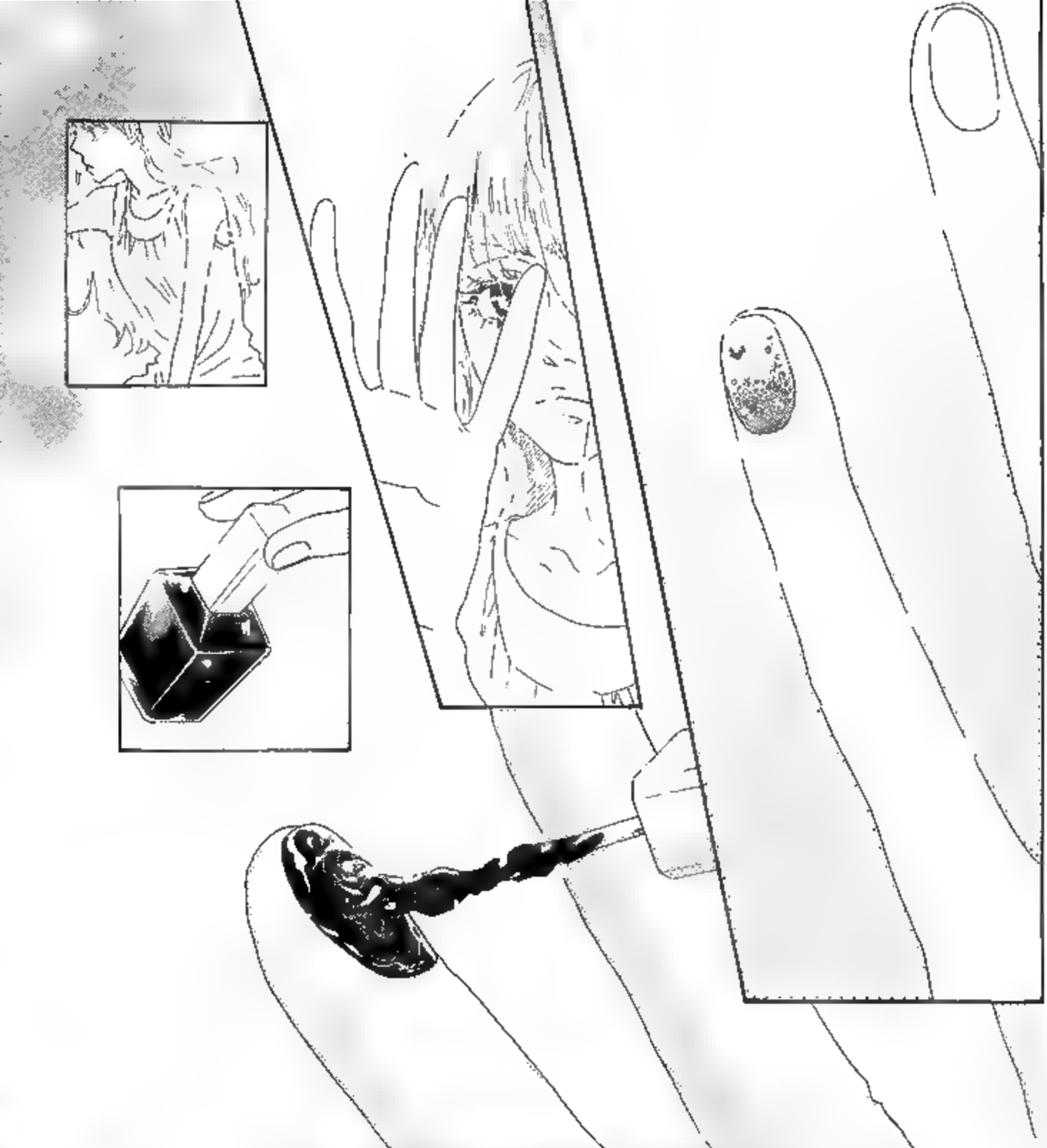
CLATTER

JUST BEFORE ..

THIS INCIDENT JUST REVEALS A SIDE OF THE PLACE WHERE KOU IS RIGHT NOW.
...
KOU-CHAN.
...AH, SOMETHING.
THAT'S RIGHT, OOTOMO AND I.

I JUST
SELFISHLY
STAYED AWAY
FROM KOU-CHAN,
GIVING UP ON
BEING ABLE
TO FALL IN
LOVE AGAIN.
SFX ZAA ZAA
NOW,
NOTHING
WILL HAPPEN
BETWEEN US
BUT
EVEN ON OUR
SEPARATE PATHS
TO DIFFERENT FUTURES,

BEING ABLE TO FALL FOR SOMEONE THAT ISN'T KOU,
I'VE
NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT MYSELF IN THAT SITUATION.



THE COLOUR OF MY HEART.

THE COLOUR OF KOU-CHAN'S SEA...

I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT RECENTLY.

COVERING UP,

PAINT

BLACK

SFX: VROOM
...
STONES?
SUMMER LEARNING CAMP, FOR WHAT REASON?
PAINT IT BLACK
THE ROLLING STONES
I SHOULD JUST SKIP IT

WELL, WHAT OTHER SONGS DO YOU.
SWISH
I LIKE THIS SONG TOO.
SORRY.
...
AREN'T YOU ANGRY BECAUSE OF THAT PICTURE?
THAT PICTURE...
WHAT?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE HUGGED YOUR SHOULDER.
IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO BE SO HYPER!

SORRY.
.HAHA
I'M NOT MAD,
NOT AT ALL.
...
REALLY?
IT'S THE OPPOSITE ACTUALLY.
IT'S REALLY FUN AND
TALKING TO OOTOMO AND BEING WITH YOU,
I WANT TO BE CLOSE TO YOU.
...BUT

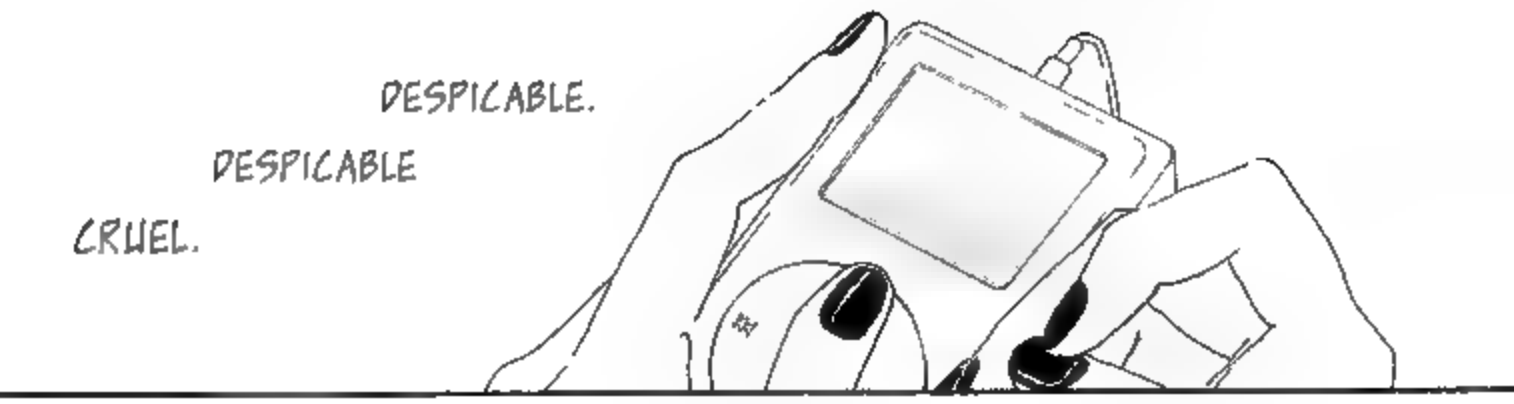
I SAID IT.

DESPICABLE.

DESPICABLE.

DESPICABLE

CRUEL.



...SORRY.

I'M SO SORRY FOR THIS.

GOOD BYE, OOTOMO.

...WELL THEN.

'FRIEND'
IS
GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME...
AHAHA
UMM...

IT'S OKAY.
I
SOMEHOW
THINK THAT I WANT TO KEEP THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP.
TO BE AWKWARD WITH YOU,
IT MAKES NO SENSE
TO ME.
...
IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU TOO,
SHAKE HANDS?

...
REALLY?
IS THAT OKAY FOR YOU?
WELL, DUH.

BUT THIS LOOKS PRETTY.
YOU LIKED THIS KIND OF STUFF?
WHAT,
NOPE.
JUST THIS FINGER LOOKS DIFFERENT.
THIS FINGER LOOKS MORE LIKE THE SEA.
EH?
!
SHOW ME, SHOW ME
Huh?
JUST AS A 'FRIEND'.
...
Thus guy...

WHY ARE THE REST OF THEM ALL BLACK?
DID YOU RUIN THEM EXCEPT THIS ONE?
HAHAHA

I'VE COVERED UP WITHOUT A SPOT.

SHINING AND BEAUTIFUL.

THIS IS OOTOMO'S SEA.

EVERY INCH OF ME.

JUST THIS

SMALL PART

IS SHINING THROUGH.

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I WANT MY MANGA NOW——
BAM
WAHHHHHH
But...
But...
But...
There aren't any releases of my favorite manga this week?
What do you mean...
Boiling
Boiling
SHOCK
AH, I WISH...
LIKE EDITORS.
WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE STAFF...
We need more people!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T WANT TO RELEASE FASTER...
We just can't release fast enough.
QC'ERS TOO.
Until we get more staff...
No matter how adorable you are...
So unless we get help, no matter how many rooms you throw yourself into...
...WE HAD TRANSLATORS.
So
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